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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 14-16

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS, AUGUST 14-16:

-- U.S. COVERAGE CONCENTRATES ON MILITARY SPENDING,
WITH U.S.-FRG COORDINATED PRODUCTION DRAWING FURTHER CRITICISM;

-- RELATED CRITICISM OF FRG APPEARS IN TASS REPORT
FROM BONN (PRAVDA AND KZ AUG 14) ON THE "DANGEROUS POLICY"
WHICH IGNORES FACT THAT WEST GERMANY ONCE HAD LIMITS PLACED
ON ITS MILITARY PRODUCTION AND CHARGES THAT THE "MYTHICAL
THREAT FROM THE EAST" IS BEING USED TO JUSTIFY FRG ARMS PRODUCTION;

-- SUNDAY PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS STORY FROM BONN
BLAMING WEST GERMANS FOR RECENT "PROVOCATIONS" ALONG FRG-
GDR BORDER AND CLAIMING VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN FRG WISH
TO UNDERMINE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO GERMAN-
IES;

-- ALL CENTRAL MEDIA REPORT THAT 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BERLIN WALL WAS CELEBRATED BY A MASS MEETING AND PARADE
IN EAST BERLIN DURING WHICH GDR POLITBURO MEMBER K. NEUMAN
SAID THAT BORDER MARKS SEPARATION OF TWO SOVEREIGN, INDE-
PENDENT AND EQUAL STATES. HE ALSO CITED CSCE FINAL ACT ON
INVIOABILITY OF BORDERS AS ONE OF THE MOST BASIC
CONDITIONS FOR A STABLE PEACE IN EUROPE;

-- FROM HELSINKI PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT YU. KUZNETSOV
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REPORTS (AUG 14) ON GROWING CONCERN IN SCANDINAVIA OVER
ANTI-DETENTE NATO CIRCLES WHO ARE TRYING TO "STRENGTHEN
NATO'S NORTHER FLANK;"

-- BREZHNEV'S AUG 13 MEETING WITH A JAPANESE
BUSINESSMEN'S DELEGATION RECEIVES FOLLOW-UP REPORTAGE
STRESSING "GOOD PERSPECTIVES" IN SOVIET-JAPANESE ECONOMIC
RELATIONS;

-- SOVIET LEADERS AND THEIR NORTH KOREAN COUNTER-PARTS GREETED EACH OTHER ON THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DPRK'S LIBERATION. THE SOVIET GREETING NOTES THAT THE

SOVIET ARMY LIBERATED MANCHURIA AND KOREA AND WISHES PYONGYANG SUCCESS IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION;

-- WEEKEND PRESS INCLUDES LENGTHY ARTICLES BY V. KUDRYAVTSEV (AUG 13 IZVESTIYA) AND L. VALENTIN (AUG 14 PRAVDA) WHICH ARE QUITE CRITICAL OF "NEW" U.S. POLICY TOWARD AFRICA AND DETAIL TACTICAL METHODS U.S. IS ALLEGEDLY USING TO ACHIEVE ITS TRUE GOAL: PRESERVATION OF MONOPOLY INTERESTS IN AFRICA;

-- LEBANESE COVERAGE REMAINS LIGHT WITH EMPHASIS ON CONTINUED RIGHTIST MILITARY ACTIVITY AND ISRAELI NAVAL BLOCKADE OF LEBANESE COAST. PRAVDA AND TV NE (AUG 15) MENTION FALL OF TAL ZAATOR, AND PRAVDA'S "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN ALSO REPORTS CALL BY LEBANESE CP GENERAL SECRETARY SHAWI FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BASED ON "A SOUND COMPROMISE;"

-- PRAVDA (AUG 16) FRONT-PAGES BREZHNEV'S GREETINGS TO THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT.

2. U.S. ITEMS CONCENTRATE ON THE MILITARY BUDGET, WITH PRAVDA AND KZ (AUG 15) PROVIDING COMMENTARY ON THE APPROVAL OF THE 104 BILLION APPROPRIATION (AND 113 BILLION TOTAL).

-- PRAVDA'S "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" AGAIN QUOTES THE PRESIDENT ON THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEW SALT AGREEMENT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTES THAT THE U.S. HAS NOT REPLIED TO THE MARCH SOVIET PROPOSAL;

-- PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN (AUG 15) DISCUSSES THE U.S.-FRG CO-PRODUCTION PLANS FOR STANDARDIZED NATO TANKS AND PLANES, ADDING THAT THESE STEPS HINDER AGREEMENT ON LIMITING ARMED FORCES AND WEAPONS;

-- PRAVDA'S CARTOON (AUG 16) SHOWS "REACTIONARY CIRCLES" PULLING TO RAISE A "COLD WAR" WARRIOR WITH THE HELP OF "NATO" AND "ANZUS" PULLEYS.
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